



To Our Valued Patients and Families at PCO,

We at PCO are committed to making our office a safe and healthy environment for our patients and our staff. We are striving to comply with the CDC guidelines for protection against COVID-19. Therefore, we are instituting the following changes, and this may change as the guidelines change.

For those who are fully vaccinated, mask-wearing is optional. Fully vaccinated means that it has been 2 weeks or more since receiving the SECOND Pfizer or Moderna COVID vaccine, or 2 weeks or more since receiving the one dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Any time less than 2 weeks is NOT considered fully vaccinated. At this time, this only applies to those 16 years or older.

For those not fully vaccinated, we respectfully ask that you continue to mask and social distance while in our office. This applies to all children under 16 years as well as their family members. This will change with time as younger children have the opportunity to be vaccinated.

For patients who are sick, we ask that you continue to mask while in the office. We will continue to bring patients directly into the exam rooms and not use a waiting room to reduce exposure to other patients and their families.

You may notice that some of our staff may not be wearing masks. Know that these staff members have been fully vaccinated, and have chosen not to wear them, as per the CDC guidelines. Their risk of getting COVID is very small, and the risk of them spreading it asymptotically is very, very small. We strongly recommend that any staff member who is sick stay home. We are doing all we can to reduce the risk of illness for anyone who comes into our office.

We truly appreciate your trust in us and are grateful for your support. If you have any questions regarding the COVID vaccine, please feel free to ask your physician.

Sincerely,

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